

## Second Sunday after Christmas Day

January 5, 2025

WELCOME

to St. Mary's Episcopal Church

a member of the Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant

### St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Big Rapids, MI

Seeking every day to love God  
with our whole heart, mind, and soul, and  
to love our neighbors as ourselves.

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Cadillac, MI

We strive to live out the Great  
Commandment: To love the Lord with all  
our heart, soul, and mind and to love our  
neighbors as ourselves.

If you have a faith or are seeking one, you are always welcome here.  
If you are visiting or looking for a spiritual home, we'd love to get to know you.

**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

BCP, p. 355

**Processional Hymn** *All stand as able. We three kings of Orient are* **Hymnal, #128**

**Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity**

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The celebrant prays the collect for purity.*

**The Gloria**

**Hymnal, #S-277**

**The Collect of the Day**

**Bulletin Insert**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you**

**Celebrant** Let us pray. *The celebrant prays the collect of the day.*

**First Reading**

**Jeremiah 31:7-14**

*After the reading:* **Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm**

**Psalm 84 or 84:1-8**

**Second Reading**

**Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a**

*After the reading:* **Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn** *All stand as able.*

*Thy Word, St. Mary's Songbook, p.114*

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

*Before the Gospel:*

**Celebrant** Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel:*

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Hymn after the Gospel**

*I Love you Lord, St. Mary's Songbook, p.52*

**Homily**

**Mtr. Radha Kaminski**

**The Nicene Creed**

*Said in unison, all standing as able.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

## *Hear Our Prayer*

Intercessor As we continue our rejoicing in the incarnation of Christ, let us lift up our prayers to God asking humbly for God's mercy and grace saying, "Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"

For the people of God throughout the world; that our joy in Christ's presence might inspire our unity in mission as the undivided body of Christ. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Nurya, our canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. Canons of the Diocese of the Great Lakes, Sunil Chandy, Tracie and Nurya; St. Andrew's, Grand Rapids – Molly, Rector St. Christopher's, Northport – Chrysanne, Rector. We pray for all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, both lay and ordained. In particular, we pray for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Priests, including Abraham, Laurie, Jonathan, Kathryn, Stephanie, Thon, Jess, Julianne, Matt, Cathy, Kris, Theresa, Janet. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Jennifer, Chris, Laura, Deb, Paige. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the nation and those holding civil authority; that they might exercise their authority and wisdom and equity, seeking to serve only the common good. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those in positions of authority in our country and in the world, especially Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; Carla, our mayor. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For our local communities, that we might endeavor to make them places where we and our neighbors can live with dignity and purpose. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the natural world, the vehicle of God's abundance; that we might be effective stewards and ceaseless advocates for its sustainability. *Silence* Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer**

Intercessor For those in our lives who are suffering and in distress; that Christ's healing presence might be made manifest in their lives. Especially we pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Erin, Jimmy, Keith, Ken, Jerry & Karlene, Kelsay, Heather, Joey, Bruce, Sue, Gavin, Delcine; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Eileen, Brand Family, Betty, Donna, Marty, Rachel, Gordon, Kris, Bob, Bill, Janie, Bill, Scott & Laura, Harry & Melissa, Chris, Jerry, Helen & Raymond Jr., Raymond Sr., The Miller family, Angie, Dawn, Doug; For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Owen, Wesley,

Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Sabastian, Noah,  
Henry, Jess; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those who have died, especially Katsi; that they may rest in your  
loving care and that we may be reunited with them in the coming age.  
*Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Loving God, who hears our cries and knows our needs before we are  
even aware of them; answer our prayers and lead us into goodness and  
light that we might be your people and the body of Christ. **Amen.**

**The Confession of Sin** *Said in unison, kneeling as able.*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*

**All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in  
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we  
have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we  
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we  
humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on  
us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your  
ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power  
of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



**We give thanks to you,  
And we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The celebrant concludes with a prayer for the coming of God's reign, ending with,*

**Celebrant** Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

**All** AMEN.

**The Lord's Prayer** *said in unison*

*It is our tradition to gather in a circle to say the Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to either stand and join hands, or remain seated and we will encircle you.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;




**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**The Invitation** *The celebrant says the invitation.*




*Everyone is welcome to receive communion. There is no one who is too old or too young, no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. This is the altar prepared by a loving God for all creation by the power of Jesus Christ. You, who are part of that creation, are welcome.*

*Please come forward down the center aisle to in front of the altar to receive communion or a blessing. If you need communion brought to you, let an usher know.*



THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD - You can either,		
	CONSUME	Hold out your hands and then eat the bread after it is placed in your hand.
	GLUTEN-FREE	If you require a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands.
	BLESSING	If you prefer not to receive, cross your arms for a blessing.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WINE - You can either,		
	DRINK	Hold the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips to drink the wine.
	INTINCT	Hold up the bread. The minister will take the bread, dip it for you, and hand it back to you.
	NOT RECEIVE	Cross your arms. The minister will hold the chalice up, but you will not drink.

**Communion Hymn**

*What star is this with beams so bright, Hymnal, #124*

**Prayer after Communion**

*All stand or kneel as able.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared this Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

## Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

**The Blessing**                    *All stand as able while the celebrant blesses the people.*

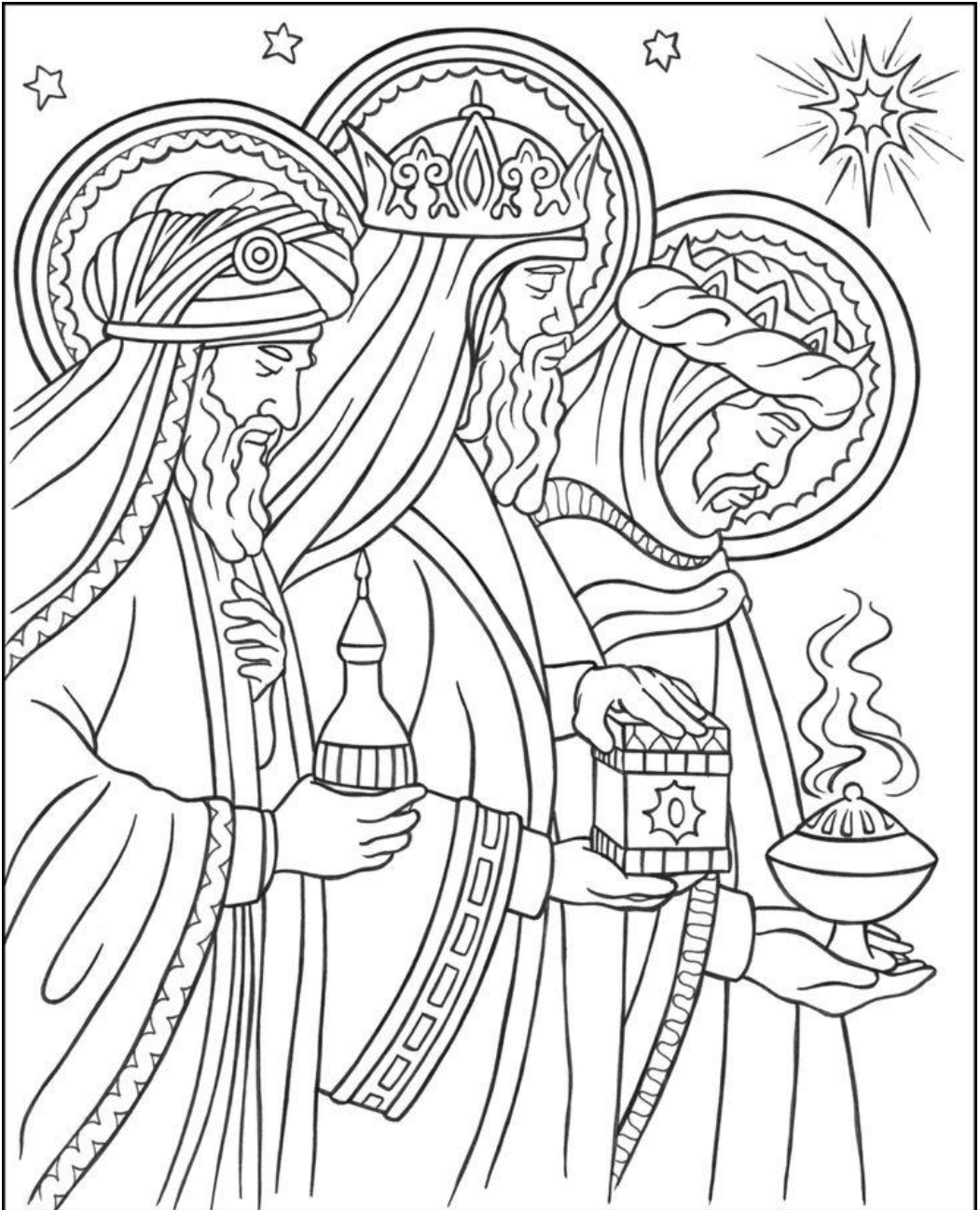
Celebrant    May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**The Recessional Hymn**    *Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, Hymnal, #117*

### The Dismissal

Celebrant    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People        **Thanks be to God.**  
**Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen. Amen.**



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